

## REMARKS

Claims 1-15 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 3, 7 and 9 have been amended, by way of the instant Amendment. In view of foregoing amendments and following remarks, the Applicants request allowance of the Application.

## ANTICIPATION REJECTIONS

Claims 1-15 stand rejected as being anticipated by *Burke et al.* (US Patent No. 6,789,252), hereinafter *Burke*. Applicants request the withdrawal of the rejections because the cited art does not disclose all elements of the pending claims.

Consider claim 1, for example, which recites:

- (i) defining, in configuration data of a computer system, ***a business process in terms of what activities the business process comprises***, and
- (ii) defining a behavior of each activity of the business process with respect to a business object acted on by the business activity, for a plurality of process control elements including:
- (iii) storing the defined business process and activity behaviors in configuration data of the computer system, ***allowing the computer system to thereafter dynamically generate the business process to operate on business objects managed by the computer system***.

*Burke* does not teach or suggest this subject matter. *Burke's* disclosure is directed to methods of defining business objects and sharing data relating to them among various systems. Business objects are not business processes as claimed. Business objects represent the data that are processed by business processes. For example, as described in the specification, a business process may be established for manage a loan approval process in a bank. Individual loan accounts may be modeled as business objects.

Although *Burke* refers to business objects generally, he discloses no methods for defining new business processes. He certainly does not disclose methods for designing such methods that include status element, user interface elements, plausibility check elements, release elements or authorization elements as claimed. *Burke's* disclosure is directed to definition of business objects, which relates to different components of enterprise systems.

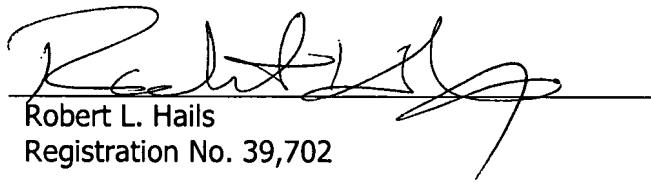
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Accordingly, the cited reference does not anticipate independent claims 1, 3, 7, and 9, and the dependent claims that extend from them. Hence, the Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejections against claims 1-15.

**CONCLUSION**

Claims 1-15 are patentable over the cited reference. Accordingly, the Applicants respectfully request allowance of the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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